



**PANAMERICAN KARATE FEDERATION**  
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**TO: PKF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

Dear Friends,

According to the timely information, due to the current situation caused by COVID 19, the Government Authorities of Curacao have not authorized the holding of the Pan American Senior Karate Championship and the Qualifying Championship Under 21 to Cali 2021. Coincidentally with this news, on Thursday March 18 I have participated - along with the Presidents of the (28) sports that make up the Cali 2021 Pan American Youth Games Program - , in the meeting called by Neven Ilic President of Pan Am Sports, to deal with the possible alternatives given the impossibility of many sports - like ours-, to carry out their Qualifiers on the scheduled dates as well as not being able to ensure the participation of all the countries of the continent according to the regulations in force in each of these.

In this sense, President Neven advised us regarding the implementation of a Plan B that could ensure the appointment of Athletes in the times originally set.

For the reasons expressed and in order to ensure the participation of Karate in such important Games of the continental Olympic circuit - a priority objective for Karate in America -, I have called a meeting of the PKF EC for Monday, March 22 and Thursday, March 25, from the which and after having evaluated the different possibilities prioritizing the safety and rights of our Athletes, we have unanimously approved the following:

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**a) Under 21 Qualifier for the CALI 2021 Youth Pan American Games :**

Given the impossibility of being able to guarantee shortly, the realization of a Qualifying Championship by which the Athletes emerge to Cali, we have adopted as a selection parameter for these Games, the last Pan American Under 21 Championship: Guayaquil 2019. Competition categories: Female Kumite Under 21: - 50 kg, -55 kg, -61 kg, -68 kg and + 68 kg, Male Kumite -60 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -84 kg and + 84 kg; Total (10) categories x (8) Athletes each, total (80) Athletes. The (7) best positioned in the Panamerican U21 of Guayaquil (maximum 1 x country) adding the (10) Athletes Host Country Colombia gives us a total of (69) Athletes (We must bear in mind that the same country cannot have more than ( 1) Athlete for each category). These (69) Athletes represent (16) countries with positioning in any of the Under 21 categories held in Guayaquil, which will grant them a place according to the places obtained according to the detail that I copy below. IMPORTANT: Since the Athletes who obtained the place mostly for reasons of age will no longer be able to participate in Cali 2021, the places obtained will be PLAZA PAIS -NOT NOMINAL- and the selection must arise in each country from a National Championship or System National Ranking that ensures the designation of its best Athletes.

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>PLACES</b>
CHILE	6
BRASIL	9
CANADA	4
MEXICO	6
URUGUAY	1
ECUADOR	8
USA	7
GUATEMALA	2
PUERTO RICO	2
PANAMA	2
VENEZUELA	5
PERU	4
COSTA RICA	1
R. DOMINICANA	1
ARGENTINA	1
COLOMBIA	10
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KUMITE FEMENINO									PLAZAS PARA ADJUDICAR	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
-50KG	CHILE	BRASIL	CANADA	MEXICO	URUGUAY	ECUADOR			COLOMBIA	1
-55KG	CHILE	CANADA	BRASIL	MEXICO	USA	ECUADOR			COLOMBIA	1
-61KG	GUATEMALA	BRASIL	CANADA	ECUADOR	USA	PUERTO RICO	PANAMA		COLOMBIA	0
-68KG	PUERTO RICO	MEXICO	BRASIL	VENEZUELA	ECUADOR				COLOMBIA	2
+68KG	BRASIL	CHILE	PERU	ECUADOR					COLOMBIA	3

KUMITE MASCULINO									PLAZAS PARA ADJUDICAR	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
-60KG	VENEZUELA	MEXICO	BRASIL	USA	ECUADOR	PERU	COSTA RICA		COLOMBIA	0
-67KG	VENEZUELA	PANAMA	GUATEMALA	PERU	CHILE	USA			COLOMBIA	1
-75KG	BRASIL	USA	MEXICO	R. DOMINICANA	CHILE	ECUADOR	PERU		COLOMBIA	0
-84KG	ARGENTINA	VENEZUELA	ECUADOR	BRASIL	USA	CHILE			COLOMBIA	1
+84KG	VENEZUELA	CANADA	BRASIL	MEXICO	USA				COLOMBIA	2
<b>TOTAL PLAZAS PARA ADJUDICAR</b>									<b>11</b>	

The remaining (11) places have been awarded to the participating countries of Guayaquil 2019 and to the countries of Central America and the Caribbean with participation in PKF.

The awarding of the categories in which each country will participate has been made by lottery at the PKF EC meeting on Thursday, March 25, resulting in the following Payroll that completes the (80) places for Cali 2021:

PLAZAS OTORGADAS	PAIS	CATEGORIA POR PAIS
1	T & TOBAGO	menos 68 kg FEM
1	CURACAO	menos 67 kg MALE
1	NICARAGUA	menos 50 kg FEM
1	EL SALVADOR	mas 68 KG FEM
1	BOLIVIA	mas 84 kg MALE
1	PARAGUAY	mas 68 KG FEM
1	SURINAME	menos 55 kg FEM
1	BONAIRE	mas 68 KG FEM
1	ARUBA	mas 84 kg MALE
1	CUBA	menos 84 kg MALE
1	HAITI	menos 68 kg FEM
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In this way (27) PKF member countries will be represented at the CALI 2021 Youth Pan American Games.

**Note:**

- 1) Each country must select its Athletes -according to the places obtained and / or assigned-, and must notify the Office of the President of the PKF, their names and the selection process used, with a deadline of April 30, 2021.
- 2) According to the Technical Manual duly prepared, the Athletes must be at least 18 and not more than 20 years old at the time of Classification.

**b) XXXIV Pan American Seniors Karate Championship:**

With the same reasoning given the current situation that we are going through, we have decided to postpone the realization for the week of October 18 to 25, 2021.

We have received some applications to carry out this Championship, which is why we communicate that priority will be given to the best Health coverage as well as the implementation of Protocols that best guarantee the safety of our Athletes.

We invite the countries that have already shown their interest - may have it -, to organize this Championship on the new date set, and send us their best proposal considering mainly the points indicated.

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**c) XXXI Pan American Under 21, Junior and Cadets Karate Championship:**

In principle, the date of the XXXI Under 21 Pan American Championship, Youth and Cadets, will not be modified, there will only be a change in the Venue since it was originally supposed to be in the USA but it has been passed to 2022.

We are open to receive applications for the Championship in this year 2021, which is why we communicate in the same way as in the Senior Championship, priority will be given to the best Health coverage as well as the implementation of Protocols that guarantee in the best way the safety of our Athletes.

I remain available for any questions regarding the matters reported here, while I appreciate your understanding and collaboration as always, because we are all going through very difficult times but with the conviction that in the near future we will be sharing PKF activities as always.

Best regards,

**Dr. José M. García Maañón**  
**PKF President**



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